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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director - Comptroller

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Plans
Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Security Support of Overseas Activities

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval. Each recommendation is contained in paragraph 6.

2. This Office is seriously concerned over a recent trend toward the elimination of certain overseas Security Officer positions in the Clandestine Services. These actions are being taken in accordance with general T/O reductions at overseas stations and bases. Of importance to note is the fact that these eliminations of Security Officer positions are being taken by individual area divisions and not by the Clandestine Services as a whole looking at the total security problem. Each area Division is quite properly looking at its own field of interest and is not necessarily thinking in terms of the regional geographic coverage which is pertinent to the overall security viewpoint. The security threat is a constant factor and the problem of security protection is increasing rather than diminishing. There are wide geographical areas where we have no PCS Security Officers stationed and with the action already in process to eliminate other positions this geographic gap will increase sharply. I feel that it is important that the matter of security representation be considered at the DDP or A/DDP level rather than only at the division level in order to ensure that adequate security coverage is maintained.

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3. A few of the actions that have been taken or are now being contemplated by the Clandestine Services, which are pertinent to this subject are as follows:

a. On 6 March 1964 the one Security Officer position at our Station in [REDACTED], was transferred to the T/O of another station over the objections of this Office. This means that the station in [REDACTED], at the present time, is without the services of a professional Security Officer.

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b. On 13 February 1964 this Office was advised that as a result of a re-organization of the [REDACTED] Station, the Security Officer, whose tour ends in May 1964, would not be replaced. In addition to Station personnel, the responsibilities of the Security Officer in [REDACTED] encompass those staff employees and their dependents stationed at the large SIGINT installation in northern [REDACTED]. If the Security Officer position in the [REDACTED] Station is not filled, there will be no professional Security Officer at any Agency installation between [REDACTED].

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c. A Security Officer position on the [REDACTED] T/O in [REDACTED], is being transferred to the Operations Section of the Project this summer for use by other personnel.

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d. As a result of the relocation of [REDACTED] and the subsequent reduction in size of the [REDACTED], we have been advised that it will be necessary to relocate the Regional Security Officer position to another area, possibly [REDACTED]; also, that the [REDACTED] Security Officer position is scheduled to be eliminated some time this summer.

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4. The [redacted] Security Officer positions presently allocated to overseas stations and bases represent approximately [redacted] of the total Agency staff positions at overseas posts. This percentage does not include Project positions, contract personnel, indigenous employees or dependents. If these additional personnel, all of whom require considerable security support, were included in this analysis, the ratio would be less than one per cent. One of the factors contributing to this low ratio, and one which has caused us nearly as much concern as the recent trend toward the reduction of existing Security Officer positions, is the fact that we do not have any professional Security Officers assigned to any of the stations or bases in two of the world's largest geographic areas, Latin America and Africa. We have managed to provide essential security support for both these areas on a TDY basis. This, however, is relatively costly and inefficient and our capability in this regard is becoming increasingly limited in the light of our desire to effect economies in the interest of the Agency's overall program.

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5. We fully recognize that at smaller stations and bases it has been the practice to designate an individual to act as a Security Officer in addition to his regularly assigned duties, even though he may not have either the training, experience or time to perform such duties properly. However, it is our considered judgment, in the light of current emphasis on the security of Agency activities that, as a rule, stations or bases with [redacted] employees require the services of at least one full time professional Security Officer, in order to ensure the security of such installations, personnel and activities.

6. Although this Office has endeavored to resolve each of these actions as they have come to our attention, through coordination with the Agency component concerned, this trend toward a reduction in our security capabilities overseas has now reached a point where it assumes serious significance. It is recommended that a joint survey be conducted by this Office and the Clandestine Services which would lead to

the establishment of a fixed allocation of security positions in Agency installations overseas. Such a survey should include consideration of the establishment of Regional Security Officers to provide centralized technical security support as well as periodic general coverage of our smaller stations and bases.

SIGNED

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CONCURRENCES:

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Date

Deputy Director for Support

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The recommendation in paragraph 6 is approved.

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